

# *Cuyahoga Valley National Park Volunteer Program*

## *Building a Community of Park Stewards*



## **Cuyahoga Valley National Park Internship Opportunity**

<b>Position Title:</b>	<b>Vegetation Intern - Deer Exclosure Monitoring</b>
<b>Dates of Internship:</b>	Beginning of July to the end of August
<b>Hours:</b>	8-10 hours per week - during the week day work hours of 8 AM to 4 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Homestead - 671 W. Streesboro Rd. Peninsula OH 44264
<b>Duties:</b>	Intern will work with park ecologists to monitor 6 field sites and record deer browse data in unfenced, control sites, against adjacent 10m X10m fenced deer exclosure sites. Data collected includes identifying plant species along predetermined transects within each field site. Most of the time will be in the field collecting data but some time computer time is required to enter data.
<b>Skills Required:</b>	Self motivation, ability to work independently and pay attention to detail when recording in-the-field data observations. Ability to hike distances off trail in a variety of environmental factors including heat, sun, poison ivy, and stinging and biting insects.  Plant identification skills strongly recommended.
<b>Requirements:</b>	Applicants must complete a National Park Service Volunteer-in-Parks Agreement and may be subject to a background investigation. U.S. citizenship, valid driver's license, and reliable transportation required. Must be a current Kent State University student. Local candidates only.
<b>Salary/Benefits:</b>	Travel Stipend provided by the KSU's BSCI department, may be in the range of \$700-\$1050, depending on the number of hrs worked per week and the length of the internship. Students will be paid in two installments, the first at the midpoint and the last at the completion of the internship. Interns are eligible for injury compensation and tort claims the same as federal employees and are considered to be federal employees for those purposes only.
<b>Outcomes:</b>	Results of internship will be practical experience in vegetation monitoring within a national park. Network with biology and resource management professionals. Park staff will train interns to (1) identify plants; (2) understand methods to measure plants and record deer browse.
<b>How to Apply:</b>	Please submit the BSCI/CVNP application to Academic Advisor, Gail Spalsbury at gkovach@kent.edu, with the above Position Title as the subject, by May 12th. Please be prepared to bring your resume and cover letter to CVNP if offered an interview. Please request an application from Gail Spalsbury at gkovach@kent.edu or pick up a copy at CHH 256.

